

**MINUTES
GAFFNEY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.**

An agenda was posted and sent to news media IAW State FOI Act.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jolly. Councilman Smith then gave the invocation.

Clerk to City Council made roll call of Council.

Council members present: Councilman Ramsey, Councilman Reid, Councilman Smith, Councilman Dennis Ramsey, Councilman Little, Councilman Love, and Mayor Jolly.

Council members absent: none

Minutes of Council meeting of November 1, 2004 were approved by voice vote on a motion made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Wayne Ramsey.

Monthly bills were unanimously approved for payment by voice vote on a motion by Councilman Reid and a second by Councilman Little.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider for First Reading an Ordinance to Amend Section 5-3 of the Gaffney Municipal Code and to adopt International Codes (Ordinance No. 2004-19). City Administrator James Taylor advised Council that it is mandatory for cities to adopt and use only the international codes approved by the South Carolina Building Codes Council (SCBCC). He further advised that the proposed ordinance complies with the requirements of the SCBCC. Councilman Wayne Ramsey made a motion to approve first reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all Council members responded "yea" with exception to Mayor Jolly, who opposed. Motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider for First Reading an Ordinance to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as Supplementary Rules of Procedure for City Council (Ordinance No. 2004-20). Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Robert's Rule of Order as supplemental procedures. Councilman Wayne Ramsey seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all council members responded "yea."

The next item on the Agenda was to hear a report from Accounting Supervisor Ginny Wallace and City Engineer Scott Keller concerning an update on GASB-34. City Engineer Scott Keller provided Council with information on the new regulations and advised that the City has completed the GASB requirements. Accounting Supervisor Ginny Wallace then provided Council with a summary of the assets, demonstrating the required accounting procedure in accordance with the new federal mandate (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof). Mr. Keller then informed Council that the inventory required for GASB is complete and that this year's budget provides some funding for a GIS system, which will provide current inventory and mapping of the City's infrastructure. He further advised Council that he would like for he and the City Administrator to continue negotiations with the Gaffney Board of Public Works in partnering with their current GIS program. Mr. Keller stated that this partnership

would save the City the expense of implementing its own program and prevent the City from hiring staff to maintain the information. Mayor Jolly, with no objection from Council, instructed the City Administrator and City Engineer to continue the negotiations with the Gaffney Board of Public Works regarding partnering with their existing system. Councilman Smith stated that it would be extremely expensive for the City to implement and maintain its own GIS system. He further stated that he believes it would be very beneficial to partner with the Gaffney Board of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear report from City Engineer Scott Keller and Public Works Director Sanny Wolfe concerning DHEC's recent visit to the City's C & D Landfill and renewal of the landfill permit. Mr. Keller advised Council that he and Mr. Wolfe met with DHEC on November 4, 2004 for a review and inspection of the City's landfill in accordance with the permit issued to the City on December 7, 1999. He further advised that the City of Gaffney submitted a topographic map of the landfill as mandated by DHEC in 1999. Mr. Keller then informed Council that by letter dated November 5, 2004 DHEC states that the City is in compliance with permit requirements. He further advised Council that in the late 1990's, DHEC required a five year renewal and that, with the current condition of the landfill, the City is now requesting that DHEC release that portion of the plan to eliminate the five year renewal requirement and the City be allowed to go back to typical inspections without additional requirements. City Administrator James Taylor stated that the landfill employees have worked hard each and every day to keep the landfill in good condition. He further commended Public Works Director Sanny Wolfe and City Engineer Scott Keller for the work they do individually and together as a team. Mayor Jolly, on behalf of the entire City Council, thanked Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Keller, and the landfill employees for jobs well done.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider request from James Smith to close a portion of Limestone Street from Corry Street to Railroad Avenue on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for the Annual Christmas Parade. Councilman Reid made a motion to grant the request. Councilman Wayne Ramsey seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider request from the Bicentennial Commission to close a portion of Limestone Street from Birnie Street to Frederick Street on Sunday, November 21, 2004 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service. Councilman Reid made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider request from the City of Gaffney to close a portion of North Limestone Street from Floyd Baker Boulevard on Friday, December 3, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to host the annual Uptown Christmas. Councilman Wayne Ramsey made a motion to approve the request. Council Reid seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider recommendation from the Cemetery Commission to increase plot rates at Oakland Cemetery. City Administrator James Taylor advised Council that the Cemetery Commission met on November 9, 2004, and recommends that grave plat rates in Oakland Cemetery be raised to \$1200 per plot for the section fronting College Drive and \$600 per plot elsewhere. Councilman Little made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilman Love seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

The next item on the Agenda was to hear and consider request to designate a speed limit for Wall Street. Councilman Love stated that he has received several complaints concerning the excessive speed of travelers along Wall Street and that this creates a danger for merchants and other citizens parking along Wall Street. He further advised that there is no posted speed limit on Wall Street and that he believes people are using Wall Street to avoid the "no left turn" designation on North Limestone Street. Councilman Love then made a motion to establish and post a speed limit of 15 mph along Wall Street. Councilman Little seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator James Taylor advised Council that normally during the month of December Council meets for its first regularly scheduled meeting and sometimes cancels second meeting. He further advised that the regular meetings in January 2005 would be on January 3rd, a Monday following a holiday weekend, and January 17th, a city holiday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Mr. Taylor inquired about the pleasure of Council for the December meetings and asked that Council consider meeting on the second and fourth Mondays in January, which would be January 10th and 24th. Councilman Wayne Ramsey made a motion to meet on December 6, 2004, not to meet on December 20, 2004, to meet on January 10, 2005 instead of January 3, 2005, and to meet on January 24, 2005 instead of January 17, 2005. Councilman Little seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilman Reid stated that he received a request earlier in the day to post a speed limit on Sarratt Street due to problems with excessive speeding and no posted speed limit. Councilman Little made a motion to post speed limit signs and to place "Children at Play" signs on the street. Councilman Reid seconded the motion. During discussion, Public Works Director Sanny Wolfe advised Council that if Sarratt Street is in the State Road System, "Children at Play" signs would not be permitted. He further advised that it is the opinion of the SCDOT that "Children at Play" signs give a false sense of security resulting in parents and children believing that it is safe to

play in the street. It was also discussed that the citywide speed limit is 30 mph unless otherwise posted. Motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Taylor was instructed to write SCDOT to request the signs be posted if Sarratt Street is in the State's system; and to post speed limit signs if Sarratt Street is in the City's street system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James R. Taylor, City Administrator